

## Summary of comments received on the 2012 Urban Forest Management Plan update public outreach Compiled October 8, 2012

The following table summarizes comments received during the public comment period of the 2012 Update of the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP), first released on July 11, 2012. This document compiles comments received through an August Open House and discussions with six community and stakeholder groups (Urban Forestry Commission, Freight Advisory Board, Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council, Great City, Tree Ambassador/GSP Forest Stewards, and Thornton Creek Watershed Oversight Council) as well as input from individuals and groups provided through emails and the UFMP update website. To access all comments received go to: [www.seattle.gov/trees/management.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/trees/management.htm)

OSE received mostly general comments summarized below:

Issue	Comment from
Clarification of department responsible for management of undeveloped right-of-ways	Constituent via online form on 9-4-12
Support of aggressive reforestation in Seattle with a preponderance of fruit and nut trees.	Constituent via online form on 9-4-12
Input on several areas: 1. Clarification of several definitions, including management unit, Downtown, single and multi-family residential 2. Make management unit names consistent throughout plan 3. Recommendation to add a water body management unit 4. Show Burke-Gilman trail on map 5. Show roads and streets on the map 6. Recommend having larger Figure 1 for it to be readable 7. Provide a better inventory and analysis of the 'view' section 8. Feedback regarding Section 5 – Goal, Strategies, and Actions 9. 9. Include analysis for increased green waste if canopy cover increased	Constituent via online form on 9-10-12
Comment regarding management of SDOT planted street trees	Constituent via online form on 9-12-12
Recommendation to identify the Olmsted-designed and influenced parks and boulevards on the city-wide land use map of the plan; identify areas that the Olmsted brothers chose specifically for their view ability; and develop language that assures the historic landscape designs of the parks will be protected.	Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks via email letter on 9-19-12

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<p>Recommendation to add two pieces of information to the plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information on the key nature of soils as a foundation and limiting factor for urban trees</li> <li>2. Add information on the nature of Seattle's multi-cultural society and how that impacts trees</li> </ol>	<p>Paul West via email letter on 9-27-12</p>
<p>Includes several comments on several areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emphasize the fact that the urban forest acts as the kidneys of the city. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review City restoration practices (re-assess manual removal of weeds, keep organic matter on site, pesticide reduction policy)</li> <li>- Stress importance of soils</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Involve the Duwamish Tribe in development of UFMP</li> <li>3. Increase departmental cooperation in addressing invasive seed sources and replacement of invasive street trees</li> <li>4. Add 'fiscally responsible management' to SCL's mandate on Table 1</li> <li>5. Parks to enhance riparian areas in golf facilities and remove the landscaping dam in the West Seattle Golf Course to allow salmon passage through Longfellow Creek.</li> <li>6. ECA regulations</li> <li>7. Comments on current GSP restoration practices</li> <li>8. Tree protection incentives proposals</li> <li>9. Involve Port of Seattle in funding reforestation to mitigate pollution</li> <li>10. Fossil use levels in Parks</li> <li>11. Address human cultural practices that favor disease hosts (geese and swimmer's itch; crows and West Nile Virus; litter management to reduce mosquitoes; manure management policy for pet waste; feral cat management; use herbicides to help suppress human disease outbreaks)</li> <li>12. Move the action "Identify and prioritize invasive species removal from City properties" from the mid- to the short-term section of the Action Agenda</li> <li>13. Research agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyze how herbicide methods can be more appropriate than manual weeding.</li> <li>- Honor the Point Elliott Treaty with the Duwamish Tribe as an RSJI issue.</li> <li>- Include environmental reparations for the Duwamish Tribe in the UFMP</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Steven Richmond via email letter on 10-1-12</p>